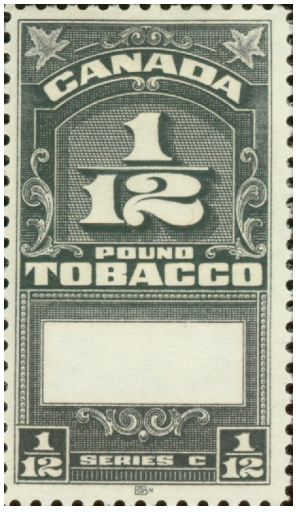
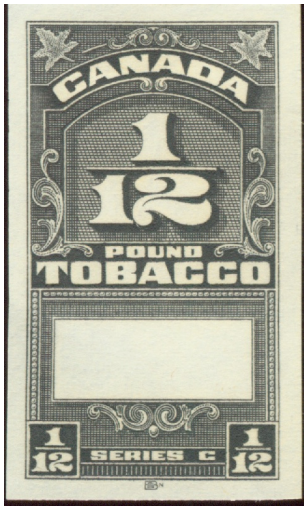
--- 1/12th Pound - Pouch Tobacco - Tuckett Tobacco - 1935-64 ---

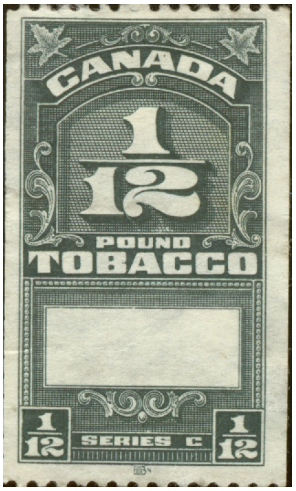
As indicated by its hidden letters (E-M) the 1/12th pound stamp was one of the original pouch tobacco stamps from 1935. Lee Brandom does not list **RN-15** - which was used by "Tuckett Tobacco."



RN-14 - perforated 11



RN-16 - imperforate



RN-15 - perf 11 x imperf

Prior to the First Wartime Budget of September 13th 1939 the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco was 20¢ per pound. In the cancellation collection, "Tuckett Tobacco," Hamilton, is first listed as using **RN-14** in June 1938. By 1939 they were using the Imperial Tobacco lettered date code system.

RN-14 - 1/12th pound, perf 11, coded **1-18-D / 68** by "Tuckett Tobacco," Hamilton, in June 1938

[RN-14]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1936	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1937	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1938	---	---	---	---	---	**68**	---	---	---	---	**118**	---
1939	---	**BJA**	---	---	**BJB**	**CJB**	---	---	---	---	---	---

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When the First Wartime Budget of September 1939 raised the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco from 20¢ to 25¢ per pound, the companies generally decreased their package sizes. However, the production of the 1/12th pound pouch continued at "Tuckett Tobacco".

RN-14 - 1/12th pound, perf 11, coded **1-18-D / BJD** by "Tuckett Tobacco," Hamilton, in November 1939

[RN-14]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**BJD**	**CJD**
1940	**AKA**	**BKA**	**CKA**	---	**BKB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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When the 2nd Wartime Budget of June 1940 increased the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco from 25¢ to 35¢ "Tuckett Tobacco" continued production of the 1/12th pound pouch. Tuckett Tobacco double code dating is common on the pouch tobacco, and especially on their *tall format* cigarette stamps. The company was using a Gestetner stencil to code date their stamps, and the stencil was steno-typed with spacing to match the *small format* stamps. Thus double coding occurs on the tall stamps.

RN-14 - 1/12th pound, perf 11, double coded **1-18-E / AKC** by "Tuckett Tobacco," Granby, in January 1941

[RN-14]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1940	---	---	---	---	---	---	**AKC**	**BKC**	**CKC**	**AKD**	**BKD**	**CKD**
1941	**ALA**	---	**CLA**	**ALB**	**BLB**	**CLB**	---	---	---	---	**BLD**	**CLD**
1942	**AMA**	**BMA**	---	**AMB**	**BMB**	**CMB**	---	---	---	---	---	---

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When the Budget of June 1942, while maintaining the *excise duty* at 35¢ per pound, imposed an added *excise tax* of 1¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof) on manufactured tobacco "Tuckett Tobacco," surcharged their *on-hand* sheets of RN-14 with their tall E's 3 mm. three-line red Gothic **2¢ / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-114**.

Lee Brandom lists **RN-94**, surcharged with a 3 mm. three-line dark carmine Gothic **2¢ / EXCISE / TAX**. The stamp scanned below appears to be **RN-94**, as seems to come from "Tuckett Tobacco". Compare this surcharge with those found on C-557-563.

RN-114

RN-94

At the same time BABN surcharged RN-14 with the three line 6 and 3 mm. red Gothic **2c. / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-135**.

I have often speculated about the Tuckett Tobacco coding gap which exists from June 1942 to December 1942. The two left hand scans seem to fit into the gap. Was the red date coding used on pouches destined for sale in Quebec? The red codes stop with December 1942. Since Hamilton is in Ontario, was their Quebec production in 1943 handled by the "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, plant?

[RN-135]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CMD
1943	ANA	BOA	COA	---	BOB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1951	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	134	---	---	---
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When the Budget of March 1943 doubled the *excise tax* to 2¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof), "Tuckett Tobacco" one-time re-surcharged their *on-hand* sheets of RN-135 with a 6½ mm. light blue killer Gothic **4¢** and **1-18-E / COA** as the company provisional **RN-175**. Initially, stamps already date coded *pre-Budget* with **1-18-E / COA** were simply *hand-stamped* with a sloppy 7 mm. light blue **4¢** - **WANTED!**

RN-175 - RN-135 re-surcharged with a 6½ mm. light blue **4¢** plus **1-18-E / COA**
Already date coded **1-18-E / COA** for March 1943 by "Tuckett Tobacco" under the June 1942 Budget

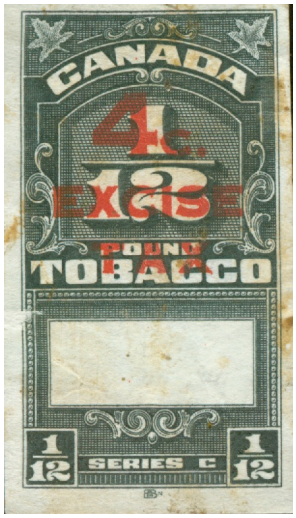
[RN-175]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	---	---	**COA**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

At the same time for the Budget of March 1943 BABN re-surcharged sheets of RN-135 with a 7 mm. dark blue Gothic **4c.** as **RN-196**.

RN-196 - RN-135 re-surcharged with a 7 mm deep blue **4c.** and an 11 x 4 mm. killer slug,
one-time coded **1-18-E / AOB** by Tuckett Tobacco, Hamilton , in April 1943

For general distribution under the Budget of March 1943, BABN surcharged the perforated RN-14 with their usual three-line red Gothic **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-206**. The collection ***does not contain*** a copy used by Tuckett Tobacco - **WANTED!**

It does, however, contain a copy of **RN-207**, the March 1943 BABN red surcharge on the imperforate RN-16. However this stamp is not company or date coded.



RN-207 - RN-16 surcharged **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN for the March 1943 Budget

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To date, **RN-196** was the final use of the 1/12th pound pouch tobacco stamp by "Tuckett Tobacco". Unlike their parent corporation, they did not re-introduce the 1/12th pound pouch in the post-war era. The parent company, "Imperial Tobacco", closed the Hamilton "Tuckett Tobacco" plant in the late 1960, when they opened the new "Peter Jackson" facility in near-by Guelph, Ontario. Prior to their shut-down they had been mainly producing cigarettes.

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